INDEPENDENCE AGENCY





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The Family Independence Agency (FIA) directs the operations of public assistance and service programs, through county family independence agencies, in every county in Michigan. It administers assistance payment programs available within the state. These programs include temporary assistance for needy families (Family Independence Program), medical assistance jointly funded by the federal government and the state; state disability assistance and state medical services program, which are funded by the state and State Emergency Relief Program; and food stamps, a federally funded program. The agency administers the child support collection and client welfare fraud investigation programs. In addition, the agency provides other services to children, adults, and families in the state.

Services to adults include protective services, adult placement services, home help services, and assistance with health, housing, transportation, and educational needs.

Family services include referral for employment and training, independent living services providing housing assistance, family planning, counseling, health-related services, volunteer services, refugee assistance, foster family care, transitional services to youth exiting foster care/ out-of-home placements, child day care, migrant services, Native American services, and domestic violence prevention and treatment programs. These services are provided to help maintain and strengthen family life and to help families become self-sufficient.

A wide range of service programs is available for the youth of Michigan. They include protective and preventive services for children who are neglected, abused, or exploited, including foster care placement. The agency also provides a wide range of institutional and noninstitutional social services for the care, training, and treatment of neglected and delinquent children committed to the agency as state wards. Such services include casework and counseling, adoption, foster care, and the operation of centers for institutional residential care and group homes. In addition, it offers consultation on general child welfare problems to private and public agencies throughout the state and offers a general referral service in interstate correspondence.

The director of the agency is its chief executive officer and is appointed by the governor.

The administrative divisions of the FIA include the Executive Office; Chief Information Officer and Information Technology Management Services; Child and Family Services; Family Independence Services, Field Operations and Budget, Analysis and Financial Management.

The **Executive Office** is composed of 9 offices: Communications; Legal Affairs; Reengineering and Quality Management; Inspector General; Internal Audit; Human Resources; Affirmative Action; Legislative and Liaison Services; and Special Services (which includes the Commission for the Blind and Commission on Disability Concerns).

Chief Information Officer and Information Technology Management Services has the responsibility for administering the directing complex data systems within the Family Independence Agency. Included are four major programs administered by the Chief Information Officer. These programs include ASSIST (Automated Social Services Information and Support), CSES (Child Support Enforcement System), EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer), and SWSS (Services Worker Support System).

Child and Family Services (CFS) is responsible for establishing policy and implementing programs focused on protecting, preserving and strengthening children and their families. The programs administered by CFS include the Office of Juvenile Justice which serves delinquent youth and their families; the Office of Adult Services; Adoption Services; Child Protective Services and Foster Care; Community Supportive Services; the Child Welfare Training Institute; Domestic Violence, Children's Trust Fund and the Native American Affairs program.

Family Independence Services Administration is the implementation and program/policy development arm of the agency. It is responsible for development of programs, policy and training for all child care and employment services, financial assistance payment programs; operation and development of the child support program and community action agency coordination.

Field Operations Administration is the program policy implementation arm of the agency. It is responsible for overseeing the operation of local offices in each of the 83 counties in the state and providing all services and assistance payment programs to eligible customers. It provides these services through Wayne County Operations and Outstate Operations.

Budget, Analysis and Financial Management Administration is responsible for agency financial planning and accounting; preparation, monitoring and control of the agency budget; analysis and evaluation of agency programs and policies; analysis of assistance payments, services and administrative support staffing standards; coordination of the agency's quality control activities, including compliance with federal quality control regulations; the FIA contract process; all FIA purchasing, telecommunications, office services, and management support for disability determination services; and federally declared disaster situations, including mobilizing county staff to handle food distribution and emergency cash assistance.

STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

Professional Child Abuse and Neglect		
Prevention Services Providers	Term expires	
CHRISTINE M. NELSON, Grand Rapids	. Dec. 19, 2001	
Teressa V. Staten, Lansing	. Dec. 19, 2002	
Organized Labor		
Bertha Louise Poe, Detroit	. Dec. 19, 2001	
Religious Community		
REV. IRA COMBS, Jr., Jackson	. Dec. 19, 2001	
Private Business		
GAIL DUNCAN, Sterling Heights	. Dec. 19, 2000	
STEPHEN THOMAS, Jr., East Lansing	. Dec. 19, 2000	
General Public		
CARLOTA R. BEAUPREY, Baraga	. Dec. 19, 2001	
Pamela Posthumus, Alto	. Dec. 19, 2001	
CANDACE L. SORENSEN, Grand Rapids		
ROBERT R. TISCH, Ann Arbor	. Dec. 19, 2002	

STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD (Cont.)

Representing Department Directors: **Department of Education**

CAROL WOLENBERG

Department of Community Health

ROBERT SCRANTON STEVE THOMAS

Family Independence Agency

MARK JASONOWICZ

Department of State Police

LT. CHRISTOPHER LEWIS >-----

The Children's Trust Fund, created by Act 250 of 1982, is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Michigan. The Children's Trust Fund conducts statewide public education and fundraising campaigns; funds local child abuse and neglect prevention councils and community-based direct service prevention programs; and provides technical assistance and support.

The governor appoints 10 of the 15 members of the board, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 3-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The other 5 board members serve by virtue of their positions in state government.

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Juveniles	Term expires	
Dara D. Larkins, Lansing		
WILLIAM T. PASCHALL, Pontiac		
JESSICA J. RICHARDS, Walled Lake		
Yolanda L. Stevenson, Detroit	. March 15, 1998	
Law Enforcement		
SHERIFF MICHAEL F. OLTERSDORF, Leland	. March 15, 1998	
CHIEF JOSEPH E. THOMAS, Southfield	. March 15, 1998	
Local Government		
LARRY C. INMAN, Williamsburg	. March 15, 1998	
VACANCY		
Private Agencies		
DAVID E. BALLENBERGER, Holly	. March 15, 1998	
Bruce Sullivan Feaster, Detroit		
Probate Judges		
HON. MICHAEL J. ANDEREGG, Marquette	. March 15, 1998	
Hon. Pamela A. Moskwa, Dundee	,	
HON. DONALD S. OWENS, Mason	. March 15, 1998	
Public Agencies		
SHERIDA K. FALVAY, Ortonville		
Frederick G. Gibbs, St. Johns		
Mark Randon, Detroit	. March 15, 1998	

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (Cont.)

General Public	Term expires
Y. GLADYS BARSAMIAN, Plymouth	. March 15, 1998
ALEXANDER N. LUVALL, Detroit	. March 15, 1998
RICH M. Muñiz, Holland	. March 15, 1998
CAROL A. SIEMON, East Lansing	. March 15, 1998
CARL S. TAYLOR, Grand Ledge	. March 15, 1998
HON. ELIZABETH A. WEAVER, Glen Arbor	. March 15, 1998

The Committee on Juvenile Justice was established in the Family Independence Agency by Executive Order No. 1994-8. The committee, which is required by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, is responsible for implementing the mandates of the act, including the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, sight and sound separation, the removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, reducing the disproportionate confinement of minorities, and for reporting periodically on the performance of its functions to the governor and legislature. The committee consists of 23 members appointed by the governor for 3-year terms.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT (JAIBG)

HON. PATRICIA GARDNER, Grand Rapids (Family Court Judge in Kent County)

ROBERT ENNIS, Holly (Director of Ennis Center for Children)

JEROME GALLAGHER, Okemos (Project Director of Project Sentry) ROBERT JOHNSON, Lansing (Police Chief for the City of Lansing)

DAVID GORCYCA, Troy (Prosecutor of Oakland County)

LARRY MIESNER, Lansing

(Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice in the Family Independence Agency)

DAN LANE, Port Huron (Sheriff of St. Clair County)

The **JAIBG** promotes greater accountability in the state's juvenile justice system. The Governor's Juvenile Accountability incentive Block Grant Ad hoc committee is a newly appointed 7-member coalition that implements JAIBG. The coalition ensures that Michigan is in compliance with the federal law, develops a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime and authorizes grants of approximately \$5 million per year to local units of government. For more information, contact the Office of Juvenile Justice at (517) 241-7497.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

	Term expires
Ferne Farber, Grayling	Sept. 30, 2000
James A. Fink, Ypsilanti	Sept. 30, 2000
SHIRLEY MANN GRAY, West Bloomfield	Sept. 30, 2001
HON. RICHARD HALLORAN, Detroit	Sept. 30, 2000
MICHELLE HAYES, Gaylord	Sept. 30, 2001
CATHERINE CHRIST LUCAS, Battle Creek	Sept. 30, 2000
HON. EDWARD SOSNICK, Pontiac	Sept. 30, 2001
